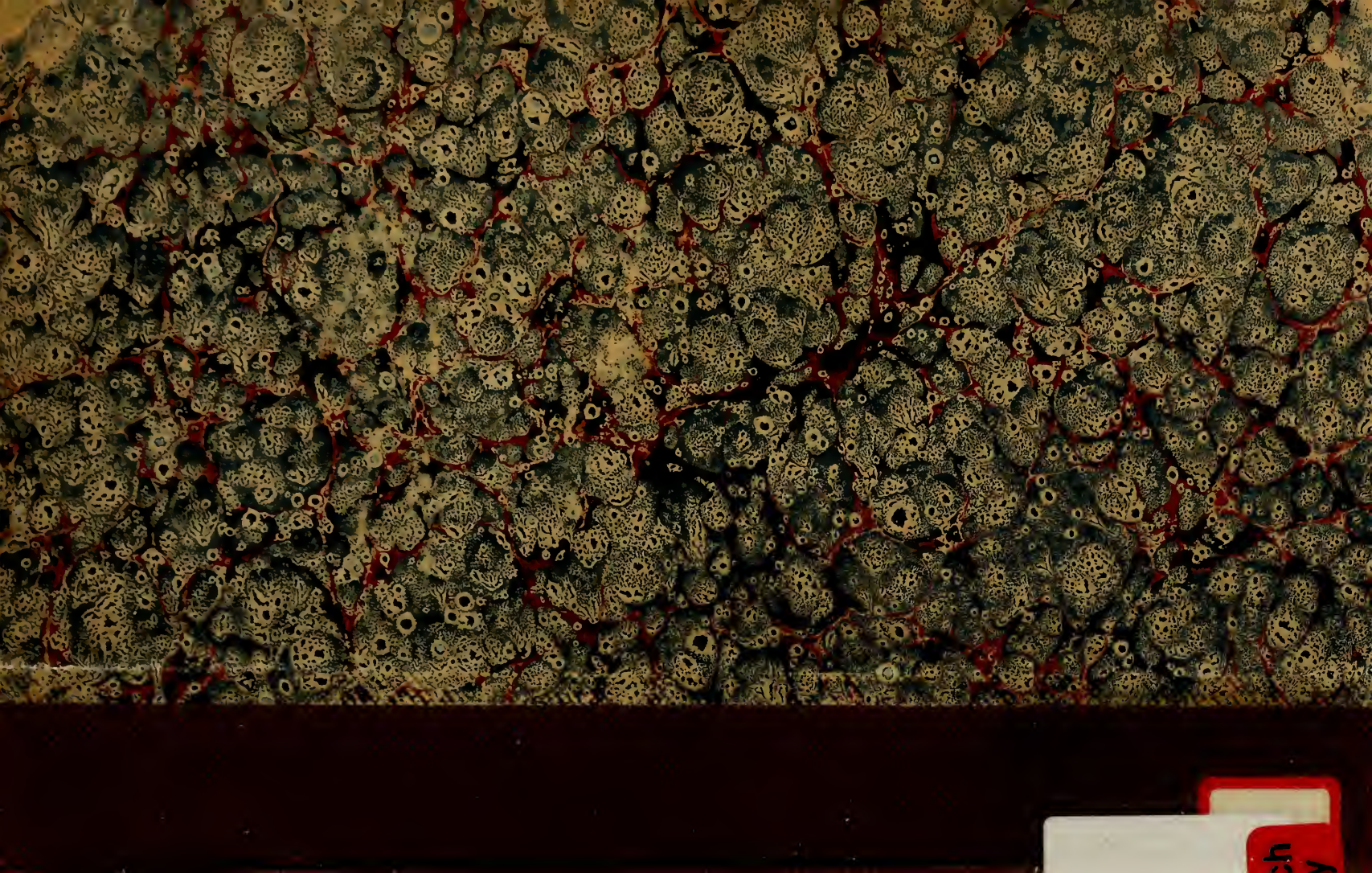


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PREFACE.

While preparing "The Genealogical History of the Descendants of Edward Morris, of Roxbury, Mass.," I became so much interested in the families with which I found my own family connected, that I have traced them back as far as possible, for my own pleasure. I have thought the work worth preserving, and have had printed a few copies for the use of others who may be interested in family history. I have traced this connection with thirty-six families — twenty-three on my father's side, and thirteen on the side of my mother. The list, of course, is not complete, and I regret that I have not been able to make it more so,— especially on the side of my mother. It will be seen that the ancestors of both families are nearly all of pure English origin, if, indeed, they may not be considered entirely so; for those families — with perhaps one or two exceptions — which are of Welch extraction, or of continental origin, date back to a period so remote from that of the settlement of New England, as to make them essentially pure English families. Several of the families are known to be from the county of Essex, and without doubt others are also. All are *old* New England Puritan stock, having come to New England before 1656, and it is a matter of no little pride that so many of them were Roxbury families, "for they were the best that came from England."

Hartford, March, 1882. J. F. M.

ANCESTORS

OF

EDWARD MORRIS.

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Edward Morris,	Roxbury,	1655.
William Adams,	Cambridge,	1635.
Grace Bett,	Roxbury,	1655.
Thomas Bliss, Belstone, Devonshire, Eng.,	1580.	1585.
	Boston,	1635.
	Hartford,	1636.
Griffith Bowen, Llanganydd, Wales,	Boston,	1638.
Daniel Brewer,	Boston,	1632.
John Bronson,	Hartford,	1636.
	Farmington,	1641.
Thomas Chaffee,	Hingham,	1637.
	Swansey,	1660.
Samuel Chapin,	Roxbury,	1638.
George Colton, Sutton, —	Coldfield, Warwickshire.	
	Windsor, Springfield,	1641.
——— Ermfell, Kelvedon, County Essex, Eng.,		15—
Zachary Field,	Hartford,	1639.
——— French,		
——— Gardner,		
——— Hill,		
John Johnson,	Boston,	1630.
Thomas Marshfield,	Exeter, Eng.	
	Dorchester,	1630.
	Windsor,	1635–6.
John May,	Roxbury,	1640.
——— Porter,	Roxbury.	
John Pease,	Salem,	1634.
Christopher Peake,	Roxbury,	1635.
——— Rooke, County of Essex, England,		15—
Rowland Stebbins,	Roxbury,	1634.
Samuel Wright, Kelvedon, County Essex, England.		
	Springfield,	1639.
John Wyatt,	Windsor,	1639.

DERIVATION AND MEANING OF NAMES.

MORRIS. (Welch.) *Mawr*, great or powerful, and *Rwyce*, or *Rhys*, chief or prince. Can be traced to great antiquity.

ADAMS, Adamson. From Adam (Hebrew), earthy or red.

BETT. Probably the same as Batt, a contraction of Bartholomew.

BOWEN. (Welch.) Ap Owen, son of Owen.

BLISS. (French.) *Blois*, a town in Orleans, France; or (English), happiness.

BREWER. Same as Brewster, a brewer of malt liquor.

BRONSON. A corruption of Brownson, the son of Brown.

CHAFFEE. Said to be Welch, but more probably is French, from *Chauffer*, to heat, etc.

CHAPIN. (Anglo-Saxon.) *Ceapan*, to bargain, to *cheap*; i. e., to buy and sell.

COLTON. (Gaelic.) *Caltain*, hazel, or *Col*, a neck, and *ton*, a town—a town on the neck of a hill.

FIELD.

FRENCH. Of French origin.

GARDNER. From the occupation.

HILL. Obvious, a hill; or from the German *hild*, a battle.

JOHNSON. The son of John.

MARSHFIELD. Obvious.

MAY. From the name of the month; or from old English *mai*, a maiden; or *mai*, (Saxon) a flower.

PORTER. (French.) *Portier*, a doorkeeper.

PEASE. From the vegetable.

PEAKE. (Anglo-Saxon.) The highest point.

ROOKE. " *Reaccan*, to reach, to take.

STEBBINS. " *Styobe*, a stub, and *ing*, a field.

WRIGHT. " A wood-worker.

WYATT. (Norman French.) *Guyot*, "Little Guy."

MORRIS.

1. EDWARD MORRIS, of Roxbury, Mass., the first known ancestor of our family in America, is supposed to have come to New England in early life. There is a tradition among his descendants, that he was the son of Lieutenant Richard Morris of Roxbury, a professional soldier, who came over in the fleet with Governor Winthrop, in 1630, bringing Edward, then a minor, with him. He settled first at Boston, but soon went to Roxbury. He was one of a committee appointed to lay out the fortifications in and around Boston, and commanded the fort on Castle Island in Boston harbor, in 1636. In 1637 he was disarmed and banished from the colony, on account of sympathy with John Wheelwright. He went with Wheelwright to Exeter, New Hampshire, in 1639. Here he remained till 1642, when he removed to Portsmouth, R I. I have made a long and unsuccessful search to connect him with Edward Morris. So far as I have been able to trace his family, I have been able to find one child only, a daughter Lettice, who married Richard Bulgar, who also was disarmed with Richard Morris in 1637. Edward Morris I suppose to have come from Nazing, or some village in that vicinity, in the County of Essex, England. The first record of him is in connection with a grant of land to him in 1652. He was married at Boston or Roxbury, November 20, 1655, to Grace Bett, of whose parentage or family nothing is known. The record of this marriage is the only place where any mention is made of the name of Bett, in any New England record.

Edward Morris was admitted to the church September 12, 1658. His wife was admitted May 22, 1659. He was

chosen Selectman of Roxbury, January 14, 1677, and Deputy or Representative from that town to the General Court, in 1678, and continued to hold both of these offices until his removal to Woodstock, in the project for the settlement of which he took an early and leading part, as appears by the records of Roxbury and Woodstock, a full account of which will appear in the "Historical Register of the descendants of Edward Morris." In August, 1686, he left Roxbury with the greater part of the settlers of Woodstock. In the distribution of lots, he drew the 37th lot, a very eligible one on the east side of "Plaine Hill." He held important positions in the new settlement until his death, in September, 1689. His death was the second or third one which occurred after the settlement. His grave in the burial ground on Woodstock hill, is marked by a small rude stone, said to be the oldest grave stone in Windham County, which bears the following inscription:

HERE LIES BURIED Ye
BODY OF LEUT. EDWARD MORRIS,
DECEASED SEPT. Ye ——
1689.

His eldest son, Lieutenant Isaac Morris, was appointed administrator of his estate, January 27, 1690-1, by the Probate Court of Suffolk County. The details of the estate are not mentioned.

His widow, Grace (Bett) Morris, died at Roxbury, June 6, 1705. He had a sister Elizabeth, who married Edward Cartwright, of Boston, a mariner, and died October 4, 1673. Edward Morris had the following children:

Isaac, b. Sept. 16, 1656, baptized Sept. 19, 1658.
Edward, b. Mar. —, 1658-9, baptized, Mar. 13, 1658-9.
Grace, b. Feb. 7, 1660-61, married Benjamin Child.
Ebenezer, b. April 14, 1664.
Elizabeth, baptized Mar. 25, 1666, married Joshua Child.

MARGARET, b. Sept. 25, 1668, married John Johnson.
SAMUEL, b. March 19, 1670.
MARTHA, b. November 30, 1674, baptized Jan. 3, 1674-5, married Wm. Lyon.

Ebenezer, Margaret, and Martha removed with him to Woodstock.

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2. Deacon EDWARD MORRIS, son of Edward, born at Roxbury, March, —, 1658-9, admitted to Roxbury church May 1, 1691; married, May 24, 1683, Elizabeth Bowen, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Johnson) Bowen, Roxbury. She was born May 26, 1661.

Edward Morris did not remove to Woodstock until after his father's death. He soon began to hold influential positions. He was chosen Selectman in March 1696-7, and held the office a great part of the time until his death in 1726. He was chosen Deacon in 1705. He was agent of the town of Roxbury for the division and sale of the lands of that town in Woodstock. He distributed his property before his death to his children, giving his homestead to his only son Edward, on condition of support for himself and his wife for life. He died August 29, 1726, aged 69.

His grave is marked by a simple stone, with this inscription:

HERE LIES BURIED THE
BODY OF DEACON EDWARD
MORRIS, AGED 69.
DECEASED AUGUST YE 29,
1727.

His widow survived him thirteen years, and died November 20, 1743, aged 83. Children:

ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 12, 1684, at Roxbury, d. Feb. 19, 1685.
ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 9, 1686, at Roxbury, married John Bartholomew.
Edward, b. Nov. 9, 1688, at Roxbury.

Grace, b. Nov. 14, 1692, at Woodstock, married Joseph Peake.

Abigail, b. Oct. 25, 1694, m. John Frizzell.

Susanna, b. Aug. 16, 1698, m. John Church.

Prudence, b. Aug. 9, 1702, m. John Marcy. She was great-grand-mother of General William L. Marcy, Governor of New York, U. S. Senator, and Secretary of State.

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3. Lieutenant EDWARD MORRIS, only son of Deacon Edward Morris; married, January 12, 1715–16, Bithiah Peake, daughter of Jonathan and Hannah Peake. She was born in Woodstock Feb. 20, 1697–8. Her father was one of the early settlers of Woodstock. Edward Morris held several offices in the town of Woodstock. He was Selectman from 1739 until 1748. He lived on the place where his grandfather first settled on the "Plaine Hill," on the corner south of the present Congregational church in Woodstock. About 1748 he removed to West Woodstock, where he died August 12, 1769, aged nearly 81. He was buried at West Woodstock. He disposed of his property by will to his wife and children. When and where his wife died is not known to the writer. She probably went to live with one of her married daughters. Capt. Jonathan Morris, his youngest son, remained in Woodstock until about 1784, but had been in the army for sometime during the war. Children:

Elizabeth, b. Oct. 12, 1716, d. Aug. 9, 1745.

Hannah, b. Mar. 9, 1717–18, d. Sept. 2, 1736.

Edward, b. July 28, 1719, d. Aug. 14, 1745.

Grace, b. July 4, 1721, married John Johnson, of Middletown.

Bithiah, b. July 6, 1723, married Hezekiah Goffe, of Killingly.

Isaac, b. Mar. 16, 1725–6.

Asa, b. Feb. 2, 1726–7.
Eunice, b. Jan. 12, 1728–9, married Hezekiah Smith.
Martha, b. April 4, 1731, married Comfort Rice, of Worcester.
Mary, b. Jan. 1, 1733.
Jonathan, b. May 13, 1735.
Priscilla, b. April 28, 1737, married Zebediah Marcy.
Dorothy, b. June 29, 1739, d. April 2, 1740.
Hannah, b. Mar. 28, 1741, d. Aug. 14, 1745.

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4. ISAAC MORRIS, second son of Edward, married October 18, 1748, Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (May) Chaffee, of Woodstock, and formerly of Swanzey, Mass., a descendant of Thomas Chaffee and John May. She was born in Swanzey in 1729. Isaac Morris was a farmer. He removed from Woodstock to Wilbraham—then Springfield—about 1761, and settled in the south-eastern part of the town, near the line of Monson. A deed to him from his father-in-law, Joseph Chaffee, bears date April 7, 1761. He brought his wife and six children to Springfield. He died Jan. 10, 1778, aged 53. His wife, after a widowhood of twenty-six years, married Hon. John Bliss, Sept. 10, 1804. She survived him, and was second time a widow. She died April 27, 1818, aged 89. She was a tall, fine-looking woman, with dark complexion, hair, and eyes. The descendants of Isaac Morris of this complexion derive it from her. She was no singer. Children:

Hannah, b. Jan. 13, 1750, in Woodstock, baptized May 13. She married John Davis, of Wilbraham.
Darius, b. Sept. 15, 1751, in Woodstock.
Isaac, b. Sept. 10, 1753, "
Joseph, b. Mar. —, 1754, "
Edward, b. Dec. 12, 1756, "
Elizabeth, b. July 10, 1759, " d. March 24, 1764.

Sarah, b. July 23, 1761, married Stephen Pease, of Somers.
Eunice, b. May 13, 1763, married Joshua Clark, of Windsor Mass.
Chester, b. April 16, 1765.
Ebenezer, b. Mar. 15, 1767.
Elizabeth, b. Feb. 17, 1769, married David Humes, of Windsor, Mass.
Ephraim, b. Mar. 17, 1772.

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5. EDWARD MORRIS, fourth son of ~~Edward~~ Isaac, married March 28, 1782, Lucy, daughter of Colonel John Bliss, of Wilbraham, a descendant of Thomas Bliss, of Hartford, 1636. Farmer. Lived at the Bliss homestead in South Wilbraham. He served in the Revolution, principally in Canada. He and his brother Joseph, were in the army under General Thomas, in the retreat from Quebec, in 1776. Joseph died August 10th, in that year, at Fort George, and the health of Edward was greatly undermined by the fatigues and sufferings he endured. He was never strong afterwards.

When married he took his residence with Colonel Bliss, his father-in-law, who had no son living, and took charge of his farm, Colonel Bliss being away from home much of the time engaged in public matters. He died April 29, 1801, at the age of 44 years.

Lucy (Bliss) Morris was of medium height, and of light complexion. She was a singer. After her husband's death she remained a widow. She died April 15, 1836, at the age of 74. They had children:

Oliver Bliss, b. Sept. 22, 1782.
Edward, b. July 21, 1784.
Isaac b. Aug. 2, 1786.
John Bliss, b. Jan. 15, 1789.
Lucy, b. Feb. 23, 1791, married Dr. Daniel Ufford.

Abiel or Abby, b. March 10, 1793, married Dec. 15, 1836, Ralph R. Rollo, of South Windsor, and died Oct. 10, 1850.
Thirza, b. April 26, 1795, d. June 15, 1802.
Richard Darius, b. Aug. 30, 1797.
Lydia, b. March 20, 1799.
Edward Alonzo, b. March 14, 1801.

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6. EDWARD MORRIS, second son of Edward, and the sixth of this name, was born in South Wilbraham, July 21, 1784, and married May 15, 1806, Sally, daughter of Jonathan Flynt, of Wilbraham, a descendant of Thomas Flynt, of Salem, 1640. She was born in Hardwick, Mass., September 30, 1784, and died at South Wilbraham, June 24, 1807, aged 23. Edward Morris, married second, January 27, 1808, Mercy Flynt, sister of Sally. She was born in Monson, Mass., August 1, 1788, and died there of consumption, August 7, 1831, aged 43. The house in which Edward and Mercy were married was afterwards known as the "Deacon Session's" house, and stood upon the site of the Congregational church in South Wilbraham, (Hampden). Their married life was one of complete love and harmony.

Edward Morris, was a merchant in Wilbraham, and well to do. In 1816, in an ill advised moment, without consultation with his best friends, he sold out his business in Wilbraham, and removed to Belchertown. Here in 1821, he failed in business and retired to a farm, the "Kentfield Place," so-called, owned by his brother-in-law Rufus Flynt. He subsequently removed to another farm, and soon afterward was drowned while bathing in Swift River, August 16, 1824. The family was soon scattered. The mother with Charles, Henry and the youngest child, then made their home with her brother Rufus, in Monson. Maria had already gone to her uncle Oliver's,

in Springfield. Edward, Sally and George, went to their grandmother's in Wilbraham.

SALLY'S CHILD.

EDWARD FLYNT, b. March 24, 1807, d. Feb. 14, 1830.

MERCY'S CHILDREN.

SALLY FLYNT, b. June 19, 1810.
CHARLES, b. June 6, 1812.
GEORGE FLYNT, b. May 6, 1814.
MELISSA MARIA, b. Nov. 2, 1816.
HENRY, b. Feb. 25, 1819.
JONATHAN FLYNT, b. March 20, 1822.

BETT.

The record at Boston, of the marriage of Edward Morris to Grace Bett, is as follows: "Edward Morris was marryed to Grace Bett, 20 : 9 : 55, By Mr. Rich'd Bellyngham, Depty Governr." This is probably a copy from some previous record, as are others made at the same time. The name is plainly *Bett*. It is the only record of the name which I have been able to find in New England. In 1635, the name of William Bett, appears twice, in June and October, as passengers to Virginia.

JOHNSON.

1. JOHN JOHNSON, Boston and Roxbury, came over in the fleet with Winthrop in July, 1630, with his wife Margery (who died, or was buried, June 9, 1655,) and sons, Isaac and Humphrey. He desired admission to the church Oct. 19, 1630, and was made freeman May 18, 1631. He was a man of estate and distinction. He was

representative to the first general court in 1634, and many years following. Member of the Artillery Co. in 1638, and surveyor-general of arms and ammunition. He married for his second wife Grace, widow of Barnabas Fawer. He was "an undaunted spirit." He died Sept. 30, 1659, and was buried the next day.

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2. Captain ISAAC JOHNSON, eldest son of the above John, was born in England, made freeman March 4, 1635; married January 20, 1637, Elizabeth Porter, probably sister of Edward Porter, and born in England. He was a member of the Artillery Co. 1645, and captain of it in 1667. Was representative in 1671, and was killed by the Indians, at the head of his company, in the great Narragansett fight, Dec. 19, 1675. He had children:

Elizabeth, b. Dec. 24, 1637.
John, b. Nov. 9, 1639, d. Dec. 18, 1661.
Mary, baptized April 10, 1642, married Dec. 17, 1663, Wm. Bartholomew.
Isaac, baptized Jan. 7, 1644, removed to Middletown, Ct.
Joseph, b. Nov. 9, 1645, died soon after.
Nathaniel, b. May 1, 1647, removed to Woodstock.

3. ELIZABETH JOHNSON married Henry Bowen Dec. 20, 1658. They had:

4. ELIZABETH, b. May 26, 1661, married Edward Morris.

4. Edward Morris married Bithia Peake.
5. Isaac Morris " Sarah Chaffee.
6. Edward Morris " Lucy Bliss.
7. Edward Morris " Mercy Flynt.

PORTER.

Captain Isaac Johnson, Roxbury, married Elizabeth Porter, January 20, 1637.

John Porter, Roxbury, freeman, November 5, 1633. Had wife, Margaret. Removed to Boston. He was a supporter of Wheelwright. Was disarmed 1637, same time with Richard Morris. Went to R. I. 1638.

Edward Porter, Roxbury, 1636, came over with wife and two children. Made freeman 1637. His wife was Elizabeth. He had here six other children.

It is probable that Elizabeth Porter was related to the above, and came over with one of them.

BOWEN.

1. GRIFFITH BOWEN, Boston, 1638, came from Llanganydd, Glan Morganshire, Wales. Freeman, May 22, 1639. Lived at Roxbury several years. In 1670 went home, and lived in London. By his wife Margaret he had:

Esther, baptized Feb. 10, 1639, d. Mar. 28, 1654.
Abigail, b. April 18, 1641.
Peniel, b. May 10, 1644.
Elizabeth, b. ———, married Isaac Addington.

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2. HENRY BOWEN, probably son of Griffith Bowen and born in England; married Dec. 10, 1658, Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Isaac and Elizabeth (Porter) Johnson. They had:

Henry, b. Oct. 13, 1659. Feb. 12, 1660, says the church record, "Elizabeth Bowen personally and solemnly owned ye church covenant, and thereupon had her child baptized." This Henry, and Isaac Morris, were soldiers in Captain Isaac Johnson's (Henry Bowen's grandfather) Company when Captain Johnson was killed in the Narragansett fight, Dec., 1675.

Elizabeth, b. May 26, 1661, baptized May 27, "owned the covenant" Aug. 21, 1681.

John, b. Sept. 4, 1662, baptized Sept. 7.
Esther, b. Nov. 8, 1675.
Isaac, b. April 20, 1676.

Henry Bowen and his son John were among the first settlers of Woodstock. Mrs. Bowen died April 20, 1701.

4. Elizabeth Bowen married Edward Morris.
5. Edward Morris " Bithiah Peake.
6. Isaac Morris " Sarah Chaffee.
7. Edward Morris " Lucy Bliss.
8. Edward Morris " Mercy Flynt.

PEAKE.

1. CHRISTOPHER PEAKE, Roxbury, freeman March 4, 1635. He was early a member of the Roxbury church, joining it while a single man. He married Dorcas French Jan. 3, 1636–37. He died May 22, 1666. He had:

Jonathan, b. Dec. 17 1637.
Dorcas, b. Mar. 1, 1640.
Hannah, b. Jan. 25, 1642, baptized Feb. 12, d. Oct. 5, 1660.
Joseph, b. Feb. 12 (or 15), 1645, baptized March 23.
A child, born and buried unbaptized, Mar. 30, 1647.
Another, " " April 6, 1648.
Ephraim, b. Mar. 16, 1652, baptized April 11.
Sarah, b. Jan. 9, 1656, baptized Mar. 9.

2. JONATHAN PEAKE married Sarah French, Aug. 15, 1660. They had:

HANNAH, b. Jan. 10, 1661, baptized Jan. 15, 1662.
Jonathan, b. Oct. 10, 1663, baptized Oct. 18.
JOHN, b. April 9, 1665, lived only three months.
CHRISTOPHER, b. ——, baptized Sept. 2, 1666, d. in Oct.
CHRISTOPHER, b. Feb. 9, 1668, baptized Mar. 1.
JOHN, b. April 13, 1670, baptized April 24.
JOSEPH, b. Dec. 20, 1671, baptized Dec. 24, d. June 1672.
SARAH, b. May 18, 1673. baptized May 25.
WILLIAM, b. June 12, 1675, baptized June 17.
ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 9, 1680, baptized Aug. 15.

Jonathan Peake and his brother Joseph were among the first settlers of Woodstock, in company with the Morris's and Bowen's. Jonathan Peake died Jan. 2, 1700. His wife died October 14, 1694.

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3. JONATHAN PEAKE, Junior, married Hannah ———. They had:

JONATHAN,
JOSEPH, b. Nov. 23, 1691, married Grace Morris Jan., 9, 1717–18. They had one child only, HULDAH.
HANNAH, b. Nov. 14, 1693.
DORCAS, b. Feb. 29, 1695–6.
Bithiah, b. Feb. 20, 1697–8.
ABIGAIL, b. April 7, 1700, married Isaac Johnson April 28, 1720.
SARAH, b. April 18, 1702.
CATHERINE, b. Aug. 29, 1704.
EPHRAIM, b. May 9, 1709.

Jonathan Peake died at Woodstock Sept., 1744, aged 81. His oldest son, Jonathan, died Aug. 23 previous.

4. Bithia Peake married Edward Morris, Jan. 12, 1715.
5. Isaac Morris " Sarah Chaffee.
6. Edward Morris " Lucy Bliss.
7. Edward Morris " Mercy Flynt.

FRENCH.

CHRISTOPHER PEAKE. Roxbury, married Dorcas French, Jan. 3, 1636–7.

Jonathan Peake, Roxbury, married Sarah French, Aug. 15, 1660.

I have not been able to find the family or families to which the above belong.

Thomas French was at Boston 1631

William French was at Cambridge 1635.

John French, brother of William, was also at Cambridge. By his wife, Joan, he had John, Mary, *Sarah*, b. Oct. 1637, Joseph, 1640, and others. Dorcas French may have been sister of the above, and *Sarah* may have been the wife of Jonathan Peake, as she is the only one of the name cotemporary with him that I have found.

BREWER.

1. DANIEL BREWER, Roxbury, came over with his wife Joanna, in the "Lion," arrived at Boston Sept. 16, 1632. Freeman, May 14, 1634. He died in 1646. His widow died Feb. 7, 1689, aged 87.

CHILDREN :

Daniel, b. in England 1624.
Nathaniel, b. May 6, 1635.
Ann, b. , d. Mar. 13, 1689.
2. *Sarah*, b. Mar. 8, 1638, married John May.
3. Ephraim May married ————————.

4. Hannah May married Joseph Chaffee.
5. Sarah Chaffee " Isaac Morris.
6. Edward Morris " Lucy Bliss.
7. Edward Morris " Mercy Flynt.

MAY.

1. JOHN MAY, born in 1590, probably at Mayfield, County of Essex, England, came over in 1640 and settled in Roxbury, he brought with him his wife—name unknown—and two children, John and Samuel. His wife died June 18, 1651, and he married, 2nd, Sarah ——, who died May 4, 1670. He died April 28, 1670. He was a freeman and member of Elliot's church in 1641.

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2. JOHN MAY, born in England in 1631, died at Roxbury, September 11, 1671. He married November 19, 1656, Sarah (Brewer) Bruce, widow of —— Bruce, and daughter of Daniel and Joanna Brewer. She was born March 8, 1638. They had :

Mary, b. Nov. 7, 1657, married J. Ruggles, Roxbury, 1676.
Sarah, b. Sept. 18, 1659, married Samuel Williams, and d. Dec. 20, 1712.
Eleazer, b. Feb. 12, 1662, lived only a few days.
John, b. May 19, 1663, married Prudence Bridge, d. Feb. 24, 1730.
Mehitable, b. May 6, 1665.
Naomi, b. May 20, 1667.
Elisha, b. March 20, 1668-9.
Ephraim, b. Dec. 21, 1670.

When John May died his children were all under 14 years of age, the youngest not a year old. He was then

blind. A few days before he died, "being sick, yet of perfect understanding," he called in his neighbors, Wm. Park and Edward Morris, to make known to them his wishes and how he would "dispose of the little estate that God was pleased to trust him with." In his will he directed that Elisha and Ephraim should, if they lived, "learn some trade": and, on their becoming of age, should have certain lands. Elisha, "that which I bought of Goodman Morris, that lyeth by the land of John Boogby." Ephraim, "that I have at Woolampogue, (in Wrentham and Rehoboth.")

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3. EPHRAIM MAY, married —— —— and after 1675, removed to Rehoboth. He had:

4. *Hannah*, baptized Feb. 12, 1706–7, who married Joseph Chaffee.
5. Sarah Chaffee, married Isaac Morris.
6. Edward Morris, " Lucy Bliss.
7. Edward Morris, " Mercy Flynt.

CHAFFEE.

1. THOMAS CHAFFEE, Hingham, 1637. Removed to Swanzey, before 1660. Had:

Joseph,
Nathaniel, married Experience ——, and had:

Thomas, b. Oct. 19, 1672.
Rachel, b. Sept. 7, 1673.
Nathaniel, b. Feb. 8, 1676.
Jonathan, b. April 7, 1678.
David, b. Aug. 23, 1680.
Experience, b. March 24, ——.

2. JOSEPH CHAFFEE, married ———, and had :

MARY, b. —— —, ——, d. May 7, 1674.
John, b. Sept. 16, 1673.
DOROTHY, b. Sept. 4, 1682.

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3. JOHN CHAFFEE, married Sarah Hill, July 17, 1700, and had :

Joseph, b. Jan. 17, 1705, in Swanzey.
HEZEKIAH, b. April 19, 1706.
JOHN, b. Feb. 10, 1707.
} Swanzey records.

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4. JOSEPH CHAFFEE, married Hannah May, daughter of Ephraim May, of Rehoboth. He removed from Barrington to Woodstock, in 1729, settling at West Woodstock, then called New Roxbury. He filled various town offices while living in Woodstock, and about the year 1754, he removed to Springfield, and settled in the south east part of the town, in the district then called "Wales," now in South Wilbraham, or Hampden, on the farm lately owned by Richard Firmin. He died of the small pox March 15, 1760, in his 59th year. His widow married Ensign Joseph Sexton, and died May 26, 1784, in her 80th year. Children :

Sarah, b. Jan. 18, 1729, in Barrington, (formerly part of Swanzey).

JOSEPH, b. —— —, ——, married Esther Chaffee, and d. at Union, 1807.

EPHRAIM, b ——— —, ——, married Anna Terry, of Woodstock. He was killed by the Indians, near Lake George, in 1769.

BENJAMIN, b. ——, ——, married Hannah Skinner, d. at Woodstock, 1811.

ISAIAH, b. —— —, ——, married Betsey Manning, d. in Wilbraham, 1811.

ASA, b. —— —, ——, married Molly Hewlett, d. in Wilbraham.

COMFORT, b.—— —, 1737, married Mary Bliss, d. in Wilbraham, 1811, aged 74.

SARAH CHAFFEE, married first, Isaac Morris, second, Hon. John Bliss.

EDWARD MORRIS, married Lucy Bliss.
EDWARD MORRIS, " Mercy Flynt.

HILL.

SARAH HILL, married John Chaffee.
She was probably a descendant of Thomas Hill of Hingham, 1637.

BLISS.

1. THOMAS BLISS, born in Belstone, Devonshire, England, 1580 to 1585; came to Boston in 1635; removed to Hartford, 1636, he and his oldest son Thomas owning land in the vicinity of the present Elm, West and Clinton streets. He had five sons and four daughters. He died in 1640. Thomas, his oldest son, removed to Saybrook, and from there to Norwich. His widow, Margaret, with her sons Nathaniel, Lawrence, Samuel and John, removed to Springfield, 1643. where she died August 28, 1684. She was born in 1594.

2. NATHANIEL BLISS married, Nov. 20, 1646, Catherine Chapin, daughter of Deacon Samuel Chapin of Springfield. He died Nov. 8, 1654. He had four children :

Samuel, b. Nov. 7, 1647.
Margaret, b. Nov. 12, 1649, d. April, 1745, aged 96.
Mary, b. Sept. 23, 1651.
Nathaniel, b. March 27, 1653, d. Dec. 23, 1736, aged 83.

Widow Catherine (Chapin) Bliss married, second, July 31, 1655, Thomas Gilbert, (who came from Windsor about this time), and had four children. Thomas Gilbert died June 5, 1662, and she married, third, Dec. 28, 1664, Samuel Marshfield, and had three children. She died Feb. 4, 1712. (See Chapin and Marshfield).

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3. SAMUEL BLISS, of Long Meadow, son of Nathaniel, married July 2, 1672, Sarah Stebbins, a descendant of Rowland Stebbins and daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Wright) Stebbins. He died June 19, 1739, aged nearly 102 years, and is said to have lived to have seen 9 children, 38 grand-children, 114 great-grand-children, and 10 great-great-grand children. He was said to have possessed great physical strength. The story is told of him that he caught a deer while swimming the Connecticut river, and held its head under the water till it was drowned. His wife died Nov. 6, 1726.

CHILDREN.

Samuel, b. Aug. 10, 1677, d. Aug. 31, 1692, aged 15.
Nathaniel, b. Sept. 8, 1679, d. Mch. 12, 1756, aged 71 years 6 months.
Sarah, b. Oct., 1681.

MARGARET, b. Nov. 23, 1683.
THOMAS, b. Jan. 22, 1685, d. Sept. 4, 1767, aged 82 years 8 months.
HANNAH, b. Aug. —, 1687, d. April 15, 1711, aged 24.
John, b. Nov. 4, 1690, d. Oct. 8, 1784, aged 94.
SAMUEL, b. April 25, 1694, d. Dec. 21, 1724, aged 30.
EBENEZER, b. March 4, 1696, d. Aug. 29, 1784, aged 88.

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4. JOHN BLISS, fourth son of Samuel, married Lydia, daughter of Joseph and Joanna (Wyatt) Field of Sunderland. He lived at Longmeadow and died there Oct. 8, 1784, aged nearly 94 years. His wife died Feb. 29, 1760, aged 65. They had:

John, b. Feb. 1, 1727, d. Nov., 1809, aged 83.
AARON, b. May 3, 1730, d. Feb. 1, 1810, aged 80.

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5. Colonel JOHN BLISS, first son of John and Lydia (Field) Bliss, was born at Longmeadow Feb. 1, 1727. He married, Nov. 8, 1749, Abiel, daughter of Josiah and Margaret (Pease) Colton. She was a descendant of "Quartermaster" George Colton, one of the early settlers of Springfield, and the first planter at Longmeadow. About the year 1750 he removed to the "Fourth Precinct" of Springfield, or "Springfield Mountains," now Wilbraham, and settled on the east side of the mountains, on the "middle road," about three-fourths of a mile up the hill, south of the Scantic river. His occupation was that of a farmer and trader. He was a self-taught man and possessed of high native talents, and a man of great influence. He was a soldier in the French War. In 1773 he was chosen a representative to the General

Court, and again the next year; the last Provincial General Court. He was an ardent Whig in the Revolution, was a delegate to the three Provincial Congresses, in which he served on important committees. On the 8th of April, 1775, he was appointed sole committee "to repair to Connecticut to request that colony to co-operate with Massachusetts in furnishing quotas for the general defence, and the raising and establishing an army." On the 23d of April he was again sent to Connecticut. He continued to be a representative during the interregnum from the time of the last Provincial Court dissolved by General Gage, in May, 1774, until the adoption of the Constitution in 1780. He had held the office of Major, and was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel in the militia, Feb. 14, 1776. Under the new organization of the Continental army, concluded at this time, Massachusetts was to furnish eleven regiments. To the command of one of these,—the First Hampshire County Regiment,—Mr. Bliss was appointed by the Council, Oct. 4, 1777. He served some time in Westchester county, but resigned on account of "age and great infirmity," which made it impossible to undergo "the fatigues of a military life." "Yet," he says in his letter of resignation, "at no time will I refuse to share in the dangers incident to any station in which my country shall be pleased to place me."

Under the Constitution he was chosen to the first Senate and to several succeeding. In 1786 he was chosen Executive Councillor, but declined the office for the reason "that he lived at so great a distance from the metropolis of the Commonwealth he could not attend to the duties of that office with the punctuality requisite to the faithful discharge thereof without too great inattention to his own private and domestic concerns."

He had early been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Hampshire by the House of Representatives and Council during the interregnum. In 17— he was appointed by Governor Hancock, Judge of the Court

of Common Pleas. In person Colonel Bliss was tall and spare, and of light complexion. His wife was short in person, and also of light complexion. She died Sept. 30, 1803. They had the following children :

Oliver, b. Sept. 15, 1751, d. Jan. 13, 1757, aged 6 years.
Lydia, b. May 9, 1752, d. Jan 29, 1755. She was the first person buried in the burial ground at South Wilbraham.
Lydia, b. June 19, 1756, m. Rev. Moses Warren, of South Wilbraham.
Abiah, b. June 1, 1758, m. Josiah Cooley, Mar. 13, 1777.
Lucy, b. March 1, 1761, d. March 31, same month.
6. *Lucy*, b. March 28, 1762, m. Edward Morris, March 28, 1782.

Colonel Bliss married, 2nd, Sept. 10, 1804, Mrs. Sarah (Chaffee) Morris, widow of Isaac Morris and mother of Edward Morris, who had married his daughter Lucy, twenty-one years before. He was then in his 77th year, and she in her 76th. The story is told that on this occasion he had brought Mrs. Morris from her home in a remote part of the town to his own house, to be married there. Edward Morris, after his marriage with Lucy, had remained at his father-in-law's, to assist him in carrying on his farm, and here, at this time, all their children had been born,—indeed the property was now Lucy's, her father having deeded the homestead to her six years before ; so the house was well filled with children and grandchildren. The vehicle in which he had brought his intended bride was a chaise—a rare thing in those days, perhaps the only one in town, on which the tax bills say he paid the government an annual duty of $3. After alighting from the chaise, he turned to hitch his horse, leaving Mrs. Morris standing. Through the infirmity of age he was rather slow in the operation, during which he observed Mrs. Morris, and in the familiarity of the relationship which had existed between them for more than twenty

years hurriedly addressed her: "Walk in! *Sister* Morris. Walk in! don't wait for me!" He died Nov. 3, 1809, aged nearly 83. Sarah–(Chaffee)–Morris–Bliss survived him nearly nine years, and died April 21, 1818, aged 89.

6. Lucy Bliss married Edward Morris.
7. Edward Morris married Mercy Flynt.

AARON BLISS, (brother of Colonel John,) married, April 23, 1754, Miriam Colton, daughter of William and Mary Colton. He died Feb. 1, 1810. His wife died May 22, 1805. They had:

Aaron, b. Sept. 1, 1754, d. Jan. 25, 1776.
Moses, b. June 14, 1757, d. June 7, 1757.
Miriam, b. June 20, 1758, d. July 8, 1831. She had m. July 10, 1799, Lt. Hezekiah Hale.
Hannah, b. Feb. 21, 1761, m. July 24, 1788, Thomas Colton; she died April 6, 1822.
Margaret, b. May 10, 1764, m. March 28, 1799, Ezra Stebbins; she d. Oct. 15, 1831.
John, b. Nov. 22, 1766.
Edward, b. Jan. 6, 1770, d. July 30, 1830.
Oliver, b. Feb 22, 1773, d. Aug. 13, 1840.

WYATT.

1. JOHN WYATT was at Windsor, 1649, in which year he sold his rights there and removed to Farmington, — one account says in 1643, — where he married Mary, daughter of John Bronson. His wife joined the Farmington church, Oct. 9, 1653. His children were:

Mary, b. 1648, baptized at Farmington, Oct. 23, 1653.
John, b. 1650, baptized at Farmington, Oct 23, 1653.
Hepzibah, b. 1652, baptized at Farmington, Oct. 23, 1653.
Dorcas, b. ———, baptized at Farmington, Feb. 4, 1654.
Sarah, b. March 20, 1659, m. Isaac Graves, 1670, Hatfield.

Joanna, b. 1663, m. Joseph Field, June 28, 1683, Hatfield.

Elizabeth, b. 1665, m. Samuel Gunn, 1685, Hatfield.
Israel, b. March, 1668.

John Wyatt died in Sept., 1668, probably, as an inventory of his estate is given 7th of that month, with the age of his children. His widow married in 1669, John Graves, of Hatfield, next, Lieut William Allis, and last, Samuel Gaylord.

2. Joanna Wyatt married Joseph Field.
3. Lydia Field " John Bliss.
4. John Bliss " Abiel Colton.
5. Lucy Bliss " Edward Morris.
5. Edward Morris " Mercy Flynt.

BRONSON.

The name of this family in the records is variously spelled, — Brounson, Brunson, and Bronson. John and Richard Bronson were early settlers in Hartford. John is supposed to have come there in Mr. Hooker's company in 1636. He was a member of Mr. Hooker's church, and was a soldier in the bloody Pequot fight in 1637.

Richard Bronson's children were: Abigail, baptized 29th May, 1659, aged 15 years; John, Feb. 20, 1659, aged 13 years; and on 17th July, 1653, he had baptized, Cornelius, 5 years old; Hannah, 3 years, and Elizabeth, 1 year; Edith, 22d April, 1665; Mary, 13th Feb., 1659; and

Samuel, who may have been the oldest. He early removed to Farmington, and died there about 1685, "well stricken in years," leaving an estate of £405. 8. Hinman thinks he was father of John, but he was probably brother.

JOHN BRONSON is not named among the landed proprietors in Hartford in 1639, but had the privilege "to fetch woode and keepe swine or cows on the common." His home lot was in the "soldiers' field," or "Neck Road," in the north part of the village. This, it is supposed was given him for his services in the Pequot war. He removed to Tunxis, or Farmington, about 1641. He settled near his brother Richard, on the road to Hartford, about a half a mile east of the new settlement. He was one of the seven pillars of the church in Farmington when it was organized in 1652. He was a deputy to the General Court in May, 1651, and at several subsequent sessions. He was "ye constable of Farmington who collected the rate for ye Fort at Seabrooke in 1652." His name is on the list of freemen of Farmington, 1669. He died Nov. 28, 1680, leaving estate of £312. His children were:

JACOB, b. Jan., 1641.
JOHN, b. Jan., 1644.
ISAAC, b. Nov., 1645; baptized Dec. 7, 1645, in Hartford, by Mr. Hooker.

Mary, b. ———.

ABRAHAM, b. ———; baptized, Nov. 28, 1647.

2. MARY BRONSON married John Wyatt.
3. JOANNA WYATT " Joseph Field.
4. LYDIA FIELD " John Bliss.
5. JOHN BLISS " Abiel Colton.
6. LUCY BLISS " Edward Morris.
7. EDWARD MORRIS " Mercy Flynt.

FIELD.

1. ZACHARY FIELD. Hartford, 1639, was made chimney viewer. In 1659 he removed to North Hampton, and in 1663 to Hatfield, where he died June 28, 1666. He was a trader with both whites and Indians and failed in 1664. The spot where he settled is now occupied by the Smith Academy, and then contained eight acres. His wife was Mary ———. They had:

MARY, b. ———, married Oct. 2, 1663, Joshua Patty of N. H.
ZECHARIAH, b. ———, married Dec. 17, 1668, Mary, daughter of John Webb.
JOHN, b. ———.
SAMUEL, b. ———.
Joseph, b. ———.

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2. JOSEPH FIELD married June 28, 1683, Joanna, daughter of John and Mary (Bronson) Wyatt of Farmington. She died March 22, 1722. He married 2d, widow Mary Belding.

CHILDREN.

MARY, b. July 18, 1684.
JOANNA, b. Dec. 9, 1686, d. Aug. 30, 1689.
JOSEPH, b. June 9, 1689.
DAUGHTER, b. March 15, 1691, d. same year, April 19.
JOANNA, b. May 9, 1693, married Thomas French, June 11, 1713.
Lydia, b. June 28, 1695.
JONATHAN, b. Oct. 13, 1697, married Mary Billings, March 30, 1721; Esther French, July 25, 1739.
MARTHA, b. Oct. 19, 1699.
ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 4, 1702, d. June 10, 1721.
ISRAEL, b. June 29, 1705, d. next month, July 16.

THANKFUL, b. Sept. 19, 1707, d. next month, Oct. 11.

He removed from Hatfield to Sunderland, then called Swampfield, and died there Feb. 15, 1736, aged 78.

3. LYDIA FIELD married John Bliss, ——— 1724.
4. JOHN BLISS " Abiel Colton.
5. LUCY BLISS " Edward Morris.
6. EDWARD MORRIS " Mercy Flynt.

WRIGHT.

1. JOHN WRIGHT, of Kelvedon, Essex county, England, had two sons, John and Robert.

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2. JOHN WRIGHT, of Wrightsbridge, Essex, married Avis Rooke and had two sons, John and Robert, and perhaps others.

3. JOHN married 1st ——— Ermfell and had:

JOHN married Katherine, daughter of Sir William Gassonay, Kt.

Samuel.

JANE.

Married 2d, Bennette Green and had Nathaniel, Lydia, Lawrence, Bennett.

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4. Deacon SAMUEL WRIGHT, who probably came over to New England under the auspices of his brother Nathaniel, a merchant in London, and an assistant in Winthrop's company. He came to Springfield. His name appears in the town records Dec. 12, 1639, as a juryman. He was deacon and used to conduct the meetings and exhort the people on the Sabbath when there was no minister. He removed to Northampton and was one of the first settlers there in 1655. He died Oct. 17, 1665, "while

sleeping in his chair." He left property by will to his wife and all his children but Helped, who may not have been living. He married Margaret ——— in England, where the following children were probably born:

Hannah, b. ———, married Thomas Stebbins.
SAMUEL, b. ———, married Elizabeth Burt.
JAMES, b. ———.
LYDIA, b. ———.
MARGARET, b. ———, married Thomas Bancroft.
Hester, b. ———, married Samuel Marshfield, and these who were born in Springfield:
JUDAH, b. May 10, 1642.
HELPED, b. ———, 1644.

Lydia married four times: 1st, Lawrence Bliss, Oct. 25, 1652; 2d, John Norton, Oct. 3, 1678; 3d, John Lamb, 1688; 4th, George Colton, 1692. She died Feb. 13, 1699.

5. HANNAH WRIGHT married Thomas Stebbins.
6. SARAH STEBBINS " Samuel Bliss.
7. JOHN BLISS " Lydia Field.
8. JOHN BLISS " Abiel Colton.
9. LUCY BLISS " Edward Morris.
10. EDWARD MORRIS " Mercy Flynt.

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5. HESTER WRIGHT married Samuel Marshfield.
6. HESTER MARSHFIELD married Ephraim Colton.
7. ABIEL COLTON married John Bliss.
8. LUCY BLISS married Edward Morris.
9. EDWARD MORRIS married Mercy Flynt.

This genealogy shows a double descent from Samuel Wright, through his daughters Hannah and Hester, the latter being great-great grandmother to Edward Morris, and the former his great-great-great grandmother.

MARSHFIELD.

1. THOMAS MARSHFIELD, Windsor, 1635–6, came from Exeter, England, in 1630 with Rev. Mr. Warham and the Dorchester people, and with them removed to Windsor. One account says he removed to Springfield in 1642, but Savage thinks he may have left the country that year, as by Conn. Records, 14th Oct., 1642, the court appointed trustees to manage his estate for the benefit of the creditors, and that perhaps he was lost at sea, at least no more was heard of him ever.

His widow with children Samuel, Sarah who married Thomas Miller, and another daughter removed to Springfield.

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2. SAMUEL MARSHFIELD, son of Thomas, was born in England and came over with his father when four years old. He married Feb. 18, 1652, Hester, daughter of Deacon Samuel Wright, of Springfield. He represented Springfield as deputy to the general court in 1680, '83–'84, and held many important offices. He was also sheriff of Hampshire county.

CHILDREN.

Mercy, b. June 10, 1653, d. young.
Thomas, b. Sept. 16, 1654, d. young.
Sarah, b. Feb. 2, 1656, married Wm. Hatton, Jr., 1676.
Samuel, b. Aug. 12, 1659, d. young.
Hannah, b. Aug. 20, 1661, married Joseph Bodurtha.
Abilene, b. April 2, 1664, married Thomas Gilbert, Aug. 15, 1686.

Mrs. Marshfield died the day after the birth of Abilene.

SAMUEL MARSHFIELD married, 2d, Dec. 28, 1664, Catherine (Chapin), widow of Thomas Gilbert, and before was the widow of Nathaniel Bliss. She had four children by Bliss, four by Gilbert, and the following by Marshfield:

Josiah, b. Sept. 29, 1655, married Rachel Gilbert, Sept. 22, 1686.

Hester, b. Sept. 6, 1667, married Ephraim Colton, March 26, 1685.

MARGARET, b. Dec. 3, 1670, married Ebenezer Parsons.

Samuel Marshfield died May 8, 1692.

3. HESTER MARSHFIELD married Ephraim Colton.
4. JOSIAH COLTON married Margaret Pease.
5. ABIEL COLTON married John Bliss.
6. LUCY BLISS married Edward Morris.
7. EDWARD MORRIS married Mercy Flynt.

CHAPIN.

1. Deacon SAMUEL CHAPIN came from England to Roxbury in 1638, with his wife Cicely and several children, probably as follows:. Henry, Josiah, *Catherine*, Sarah, and had besides Japhet, b. Oct. 15. 1642, in Roxbury; Freeman, 1641. He removed to Springfield in 1642, and died there Nov. 11, 1675. Widow Cicely Chapin "was sickened and died" Feb. 8, 1682.

2. CATHERINE CHAPIN married 1st, Nathaniel Bliss, Nov. 20, 1646; 2d, Thomas Gilbert, July 3 or 31, 1655; 3d, Samuel Marshfield, Dec. 28, 1644, and so was great-great-great grandmother to Edward Morris on both sides, viz:

Nathaniel Bliss.	Samuel Marshfield.
3. Samuel Bliss,	3. Hester—Marshfield—Colton.
4. John Bliss,	4. Josiah Colton.
5. John Bliss, married	5. Abiel Colton.
6. Lucy Bliss married Edward Morris.	
7. Edward Morris.	

STEBBINS.

The name of Stebbins, Stebbing, or Stubing is of Saxon origin, derived from "*stub*" and "ing"—a field, and means *stubfield.* It probably originated in the county of Essex, Eng., where, in the hundred of Hincford, there is a parish of Stebbing. The earliest name of this family found in Essex is that of John de Stubing, recorded in the Chancery Rolls or Records, 3, John 1201, as being fined one marc as scrutage or compensation fee for the non-performance of military duty. He was probably a crown vassall. See N. E. Gen. Reg., Jan. and July, 1851.

1. ROWLAND STEBBING, born in 1594 near Cambridge, England. He was a friend of William Pynchon. In 1634, at the age of 40, he came to this country with his wife Sarah, aged 43, and the following children, in the ship Francis, from Ipswich, county of Suffolk:

Thomas, aged 14, Sarah 11, John 8, Elizabeth 6. He stopped sometime in Roxbury, where his wife died Oct. 4, 1649. He came to Springfield, and afterward with his son John he removed to Northampton, where he died Dec. 14, 1671, aged 77.

2. Lieutenant THOMAS STEBBINS, son of Rowland and Sarah, born in England, 1620, married Nov., 1645, Hannah, daughter of Deacon Samuel Wright. He died in Springfield, Sept 25, 1683, aged 63. His wife died Oct. 16, 1660. He married 2d, Abigail, widow of Benjamin Munn. He had children:

Samuel, b. Sept. 19, 1646.
Thomas, b. July 31, 1648.
Joseph, b. May 18, 1650, d. Nov. 29, 1651.
Joseph, b. Oct. 24, 1652.
Sarah, b. Aug. 6, 1654.
Edward, b. April 14, 1656, d. Oct. 31, 1712.

Benjamin, b. April 11, 1658.
Hannah, b. Oct. 1, 1660.
Rowland, b. Oct. 2? 1660, d. Oct. 24, 1661.

3. SARAH STEBBINS married Samuel Bliss July 22, 1672.

4. John Bliss	"	Lydia Field.
5. John Bliss	"	Abiel Colton.
6. Edward Morris	"	Lucy Bliss.
7. Edward Morris	"	Mercy Flynt.

COLTON.

1. GEORGE COLTON, called in the records "Quartermaster," ancestor of the New England Coltons, was the first planter at Longmeadow. He was representative in 1669, and one of the selectmen. He came from Sutton, Coldfield, Warwickshire, about eight miles from Birmingham. He came first to Windsor, and in 1641 to Springfield. He married Deborah Gardner, and had children:

Isaac, b. 1646.
Ephraim, b. April, 1648.
Mary or Mercy, b. 1649.
Thomas, b. 1651.
Sarah, b. 1653.
Deborah, b. 1655.
Hepzibah, b. 1657.
John, b. 1659.
Benjamin, b. 1661.

His wife died Sept. 5, 1689. He married, 2d, March 1st, 1661–2, Lydia, daughter of Deacon Samuel Wright and widow of John Lamb, who had been widow of John Norton, and before him of Lawrence Bliss. He died Dec. 17, 1699.

2. EPHRAIM COLTON married, 1st, Mary, daughter

of Job and Mary (Wolcot) Drake of Windsor, Nov. 17, 1670, and had four sons:

Ephraim, b. Feb. 8, 1672, d. Sept. 22, 1753.
Josiah, b. Oct. 7, 1674, d. ———.
Job, b May 14, 1677.
Samuel, b. Jan. 17, 1680, d. March 13, 1744, aged 65.

Mary (Drake) Colton died Oct. 19, 1681, and Ephraim Colton married, 2d, March 26, 1685, Hester, daughter of Samuel and Catherine Marshfield, and had seven sons and six daughters. (She was born Sept. 6, 1667.)

Josiah, b. Dec. 30, 1685.
Esther, b. Oct. 23, 1687.
Benjamin, b. ———.
Sarah, b. March 12, 1692.
Daniel, b. July 27, 1694.
Deborah, b. April 22, 1697 (in Enfield).
Isaac, b. July 30, 1698, d. March, 1773.
Margaret, b. May 9, 1701.
Nathaniel, b. Aug. 27, 1703.
Thomas, b. Aug. 3, 1705, killed by Indians, Jan. 27, 1724.
Noah, b. Dec. 19, 1707.
Mary, b. Aug. 11, 1710.
Abiel, b. Jan. 13, 1714, d. May 9, 1714.

The father died May 14, 1713, eight months before his last child—Abiel— was born, and Esther, his widow, died Jan. 20, 1714, seven days after the birth of said child.

3. JOSIAH COLTON, son of Ephraim and Esther (Marshfield) Colton, settled in Enfield and married, Jan. 6, 1709, Margaret Pease, daughter of John and Margaret (Adams) Pease. They had:

Josiah, b. Oct. 7, 1709.
Job, b. Nov. 3, 1711, d. March 19, 1719.
Esther, b. March 31, 1713, married Obadiah Hubbard.

MARGARET, b. ———, married David Phelps.
4. *Abiel,* b. Jan. 27, 1718, mar'd John Bliss Nov. 8, 1749.
ANNE, b. July 26, 1720, married John Parsons.
HANNAH, b. ———, " Joseph Gleason.
5. LUCY BLISS " Edward Morris.
6. EDWARD MORRIS, " Mercy Flynt.

PEASE.

1. JOHN PEASE, aged 27, and his brother Robert natives of Great Baddow, near Chelmsford, county of Essex, England, arrived at Salem in 1634, in the Francis, from Ipswich, county of Suffolk, and was probably a passenger with Rowland Stebbins. He brought with him his son Robert, 3 years old, and two servants. His wife came over later with their son John. It is presumed that he had a grant of land in 1637. His wife Margaret united with the church in 1639. She died in 1644.

2. JOHN PEASE, son of John, married Mary ———, and had:

John, b. March 30, 1654.
ROBERT, b. March 14, 1656.
MARY, b. Oct. 8, 1658.
ABRAHAM, b. April 5, 1662.
JONATHAN, b. Jan. 2, 1666.
} All baptized July 3, 1667.

His wife died three days after the birth of Jonathan. He married, 2d, Oct. 8, 1669, Ann Cummings, probably a daughter of Isaac Cummings, of Ipswich, and had:

JAMES, b. Oct. 23, 1670, baptized Nov., 1670.
ISAAC, b. July 15, 1672, " Sept., 1672.
ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 15, 1675.

He was admitted to the church July 3, 1667, and had his children baptized same day. His second wife was

admitted to the Salem church in 1672, by letter from Ipswich. He was a member of the artillery company, in 1661, and a captain of militia. He and some of his neighbors obtained a grant of land in Springfield about 1681. This was in that part of the town now Enfield. He and his wife had letters of recommendation to the church in Springfield, Oct. 6, 1681. His wife died March 29, 1689. He died July 8, 1690, and his daughter Abigail the next day.

3. JOHN PEASE, son of the last, married Margaret Adams, of Ipswich. He removed to Springfield (Enfield) in 1679. The tradition is that he and his brother Robert, who came to Springfield with him, lived the first winter in an excavation which they made in the side of a hill about forty rods west from where the old meeting-house stood. He died in 1734, aged 80. He had the following children:

John, b. 1678, at Salem.
James, b. 1679, "
Margaret, b. 1683, at Enfield.
Joseph, b. 1693.
Sarah, b. ———, married Timothy Root 1710, settled in Somers.
Mary, b. ———, " Thomas Abbee, 1714.
Ann, b. ———, " Jeremiah Lord, East Windsor.

4. MARGARET PEASE married Josiah Colton in 1709. She died 1775. They had:

Josiah, b. 1709.
Job, b. 1710.
Esther, b. 1714, married Obadiah Howlett, 1745.
Margaret, b. 1716, " David Phelps, 1737.
Abiah, b. 1718, "
Ann, b. 1720, " John Parsons, 1740.
Hannah, b. ———, " Joseph Gleason, 1745.

5. Abiah Colton, married Colonel John Bliss.
6. Lucy Bliss, " Edward Morris.
7. Edward Morris, " Mercy Flint.

ADAMS.

William Adams, Cambridge, 1635, or earlier, was freeman May 22, 1639, removed to Ipswich about 1642. He had sons, William, Nathaniel, and Samuel, the latter born in England, probably, and may have been the passenger of that name who came in the Elizabeth and William from London in 1635, aged 15. He died in 1661. He had John and William, b. May 27, 1650.

Margaret Adams, of Ipswich, who married John Pease, was probably daughter of one of the above named brothers.

ANCESTORS

—OF—

MERCY FLYNT.

ANCESTORS OF MERCY FLINT.

Thomas Flynt,	Salem,	1640.
Thomas Judd,	Cambridge,	1633–4.
	Hartford,	1636.
William Janes,	New Haven,	1637.
Edward Larkin,	Charlestown,	1638.
Solomon Leonard,	Duxbury,	1637.
John Loomis,	Dorchester,	1630.
	Windsor,	1635–6.
John Moore,	Dorchester,	1630.
	Windsor,	1635.
Thomas Norton,	Guilford,	1639.
Richard Newton,	Sudbury,	1640.
——— Read,	Salem,	
William Rockwell,	Dorchester,	1630.
	Windsor,	1636.
John Steele,	Dorchester,	1630.
	Hartford,	1635.
	Farmington,	1641.
Francis Smith,	Roxbury,	1631.

DERIVATION AND MEANING OF NAMES.

FLYNT, Flint. From the market town of this name in Wales, or from the stone.

JUDD. A corruption of Jordan.—Bardsley.

JANES. The son of Jane, or Jayne, derived from the Genoese.—Bardsley.

LARKIN. Perhaps from *lark*, the bird, and *kin*, a child—i. e., a singing child.

LEONARD. Lion-hearted. From *leon*, a lion and *ard*, nature or disposition. (Teutonic).

LOOMIS. (Welch.) *Lom*, bare, and *maes*, a field.

MOORE. (Anglo-Saxon.) *Mor*, renowned or famous, or from a moor—heath-land.

NORTON. The north town. The name of several places in England. Some derive the name from the Norman French *Norville*, one of the followers of William the Conqueror.

NEWTON. From *New* and *town*.

READ, Reid, or Reed. (Old English.) *Rede* or *red*.

ROCKWELL. Perhaps the well by the rock, or from the French, Rocville.

STEELE. (Anglo-Saxon.) *Styl*, hard, — the metal.

SMITH. (Anglo-Saxon.) *Smitan*, to strike, or hammer.

FLYNT.

1. THOMAS FLINT, the emigrant ancestor, came to America, as tradition reports, from Wales in Great Britain. The first mention of him is made in the town records of Salem in 1650; but there is reason to believe that he came to this country much earlier, and there is also some evidence to show that he had a mother here as early as 1642. He was among the first settlers of Salem Village, now South Danvers. The spot in the wilderness which he selected for his home is situated on the Salem and North Reading road, about six miles from the present Court House in Salem, and five miles from the town of North Reading, and near Phelps's mill and brook. The first deed to him on record is of one hundred and fifty acres of meadow and pasture land lying within the bounds of Salem, which he bought of John Pickering, Sept. 18, 1654, for which Pickering paid John Higginson thirteen pounds, three years before. The second deed recorded is of fifty acres bought Jan. 1, 1662, of Robert Goodall, for which he paid twenty pounds sterling. It is described as in Salem and "near upon a square," and bounded southerly by land of Henry Phelps, westerly by Phelps's brook, and otherwise by land of said Goodall. This farm of the old patriarch has always remained in the possession of some of his descendants. ——— Flint and Stone's *Register of descendants of Thomas Flint.* He died April 15, 1663. His wife's name was Ann. They had:

THOMAS.
ELIZABETH, b. April 30, 1650.
GEORGE, b. Jan. 6, 1652.
John, b. Oct. 3, 1655.
ANNA, b. Dec. 25, 1657, d. April, 1663.
JOSEPH, b. ———, 1662.

2. JOHN FLINT, son of Thomas, was made freeman April, 1690. He lived in Salem Village. He died April, 1730. Married Elizabeth ———. They had:

Samuel, b. Oct. 12, 1679.
John, b. Feb. 8, 1681.
Hannah, b. April 4, 1685, married John Tarbell, Aug. 21, 1705.
Stephen, b. Dec. 29, 1687.
Joshua, b. Oct. 28, 1689.
Joseph, b. Feb. 25, 1693.
Lydia, b. July 20, 1696, married ——— Phillips.
Sarah, b. Aug. 18, 1700, married ——— Briant.
Elizabeth, b. July 10, 1703, married Benjamin Gillingham.

3. JOHN FLYNT (so he wrote his name), son of the preceding John, was an early settler of Windham, Conn., and a farmer. He married May 5, 1709, Christian Read, daughter of John Read. The first deed on the Windham records was from John Read, Senior, to him, dated Jan. 17, 1710. He was admitted freeman Dec. 22, 1712. In Essex county, Mass., Registry of Deeds, Book 58, p. 188, April 24, 1731, is recorded: "John Flint, of Windham, in the county of Windham, Conn., for himself and as attorney for his brother Joshua, of said Windham, sold and conveyed to their brother-in-law, Benjamin Gillingham, of Salem, both their portions in the estate of their father, John Flint, of Salem, deceased, being the seventh part of dwelling-house, land, &c." His wife died Sept. 27, 1721. They had:

Mary, b April 12, 1710, d. Aug. 23, 1716.
Samuel, b. April 9, 1712.
John, b. Jan. 23, 1714.
Rufus, b. Oct. 29, 1716.

He married, 2d, Lydia Gennings, daughter of Jonathan and Susanna Gennings, March 14, 1721–22. She was born

April 30, 1695. Her brother, Ebenezer, b. Feb. 18, 1691, was the first child born in Windham. The name is now written Jennings. They had:

JOSEPH, b. Sept. 13, 1723.
JONATHAN, } Twins; b. July 10, 1775, Nathan d. June.
NATHAN, } 24, 1764.
SIBIL, b. Aug. 25, 1727.
GIDEON, b. July 25, 1729.
MARY, b. Feb. 25, 1731, d. Oct. 23, 1746.
ABIEL, b. April 14, 1733.
LYDIA, b. June 4, 1735.

4. RUFUS FLYNT, Windham, son of John, married March 13, 1739–40, Mary Janes, of Lebanon. They had:

CHRISTIAN, b. Jan. 19, 1740–41, married Ormbee, and removed to Fairlee, Vt.
ABEL, b. Feb. 24, 1742–43.
NAOMI, b. March 24, 1745, married ——— Hyde, of Norwich.
Jonathan b. Nov. 13, 1747.
ELISHA, b. Jan. 16, 1749–50, supposed to have died at sea.

Rufus Flynt is said to have served in the Revolutionary War, and to have died at Attleborough, Mass.

MARY (Janes) FLYNT, d. in 1752.

5. JONATHAN FLYNT, son of Rufus, was left motherless at the age of five years. His grandfather, William Janes, had removed from Lebanon to Brimfield, Mass. It is supposed that Jonathan (and perhaps the other children also) went to Brimfield to live with his grandparents He learned the trade of a clothier, it is supposed of Eliphalet Stone, of Western (formerly a part of Brimfield and now Warren), as appears by the Worcester Registry of Deeds, March 14, 1769, Nathaniel Paige, of Hardwick, deeded land to George Field, of Hardwick,

and Jonathan Flynt, of Western, and June 28, 1771, Eliphalet Stone, of Western, "clothier," deeded to Jonathan Flynt, of Western, "clothier," also May 8, 1772, Eliphalet Stone, of Western, "clothier," to Jonathan Flynt, of Western, "clothier," dwelling-house, clothier shop, fulling mill, and dye house, by bond, June 11, 1771. The property appears to have been mortgaged back to Mr. Stone (who appears to have removed to Monadnock, N. H.), and to have been released Oct. 29, 1774.

It is presumed that Jonathan Flynt carried on the business of clothier in Western until 1779, when he appears to be in Belchertown, August 25 of that year. Oct. 25, 1784, he appears at Greenwich, as having sold his property in Belchertown to Jonathan Hunting. His stay in Greenwich seems to have been temporary. In Oct., 1785, his uncle, Jonathan Janes, of Monson, gave him a deed of land and also a lease of a dwelling house in Monson. April 1, 1786, Edward Curtis, of Monson, sold land to him, and in 1787 William Norcross also sold him land. All this property lay on the east side of Chicopee brook, near where the "Lyon Factory" now is, and has since been in the possession of the Gates family. Here on this stream he carried on clothier's works, which probably was the beginning of textile manufacturing in Monson. March 6, 1793, William Norcross deeded to him "land adjoining land said Flynt bought of Edward Curtis and Jonathan Janes. In 1794 he sold his estate in Monson to Asa Gates and removed to Hardwick. On the 31st of March of that year, his father-in-law, Ezra Leonard, of Hardwick, on condition of support for himself and his wife, Olive Leonard, gave him a deed of all of his landed estate in Hardwick. Three years later he removed to South Wilbraham, where, in April of that year, he bought of James Utley a place in the village lying on north bank of the Scantic river, just west of the present bridge. Here he set up his business — the first of the kind in town. His wife's parents died the following year and were buried

in the graveyard in South Wilbraham. In 1803 or 4, though perhaps not till 1807, he sold his business to his son Jonathan and soon removed to Monson, settling on the spot where his grandson, William N. Flynt, now lives. The compiler of this history has not had the advantage of meeting any one who was personally acquainted with him. He seems to have been an active, stirring man, and as appears by his papers to have been a man of more than ordinary ability for the time. In person he was short in stature and of medium size, of mild and quiet manners, and had a fair though somewhat florid complexion. He had tendency to consumption in the latter years of his life. He died at Monson Nov. 6, 1814, aged 67. He married, probably, in 1772, Mercy, daughter of Ensign Ezra, and Olive (Smith) Leonard, of Hardwick, Mass. She was a little woman, inclined to plumpness, round-faced, and somewhat dark in complexion, of a pleasant disposition, and very fond of her grandchildren. She possessed pride of person and family, and prized character. She died at Monson Jan. 4, 1823, aged 71.

CHILDREN.

Olive, b. July 3, 1773, in Western, d. Dec. 12, 1776.
Rufus, b. June 22, 1775, "
Levi, b. Aug. 13, 1777, "
Olive, b. June 6, 1780, in Belchertown, married William Wood, had one son, Littleton Coke (who was drowned in boyhood). She d. ———.
Jonathan, b. Aug. 4, 1782, in Belchertown.
Sally, b. Sept. 10, 1784, in Greenwich.
Alvah, b. Sept. 30, 1786, in Monson.
Mercy, b. Aug. 1, 1788, "
Nancy, b. Nov. 2, 1790, " married Philo Parsons, and died July 7, 1821.
Polly, b. Jan. 6, 1793, d. March 30, 1793.
———, b. Jan. 4, 1795, d. the same day .

SALLY FLYNT married Edward Morris May 15, 1806. They had one child:

Edward Flynt, b. March 24, 1807, d. Feb. 14, 1830, aged 23.

Sally (Flynt) Morris d. June 24, 1807.

6. MERCY FLYNT married Edward Morris June 27, 1808.

READ.

John Flynt, Salem, Mass., and Windham, Conn., married Christian, daughter of John Read, May, 1709.

John Read was doubtless from one of the Salem families of that name, but I have not been able to find the connection.

Colonel Thomas Read came over in 1630 with the fleet at Salem, supposed to be the son of Sir Thomas and Mary Read, of Brackett Hall, Hertfordshire. He had 300 acres of land granted him in 1637. His wife was Alsea ———. He had sons, Thomas, Jacob, and Abraham. He went back to England and died there, 1663. He was a colonel in the British army at the restoration of Charles II. His son Abraham settled his estate.

Captain Thomas Read, Salem, son of the above, married Mary ———. He had land granted him in Salem. He is said to have lived some time at Lynn. He had children:— Susanna, bap. Sept. 23, 1649; John, Jan. 13, 1651; Mary, April 10, 1653; Elizabeth, May 13, 1655; Remember, April 26, 1657; Jacob, Dec. 22, 1658; Sarah, b. March 15, 1660; Jacob, Aug. 7, 1663; John, Oct. 21, 1662; Sarah, Oct., 1665. There is much confusion in dates and names, and Savage thinks there were three Thomas's cotemporary at Salem.

The two John Read's may either of them (if not brothers and one having died) been the father of Christine Read, who married John Flynt. They are the only ones that time and place give any probability to the fact.

LEONARD.

1. SOLOMON LEONARD, Duxbury, 1637, was one of the earliest proprietors of Bridgewater, in 1645. The name was sometimes written Lenard, Lenardson, Lennerson, or Lenners. The family have generally written it Leonard, or Lenard. Solomon Leonard married Mary ———, and had the following children:

Solomon, Samuel, *John*, Jacob, Isaac, and Mary who married John Pollard, of Taunton.

Solomon Leonard died in 1686. His son, Samuel, settled his estate, which was the first one recorded in Plymouth County Probate Records.

2. JOHN LEONARD, Bridgewater, married Sarah ———, and had the following children:

John, Enoch, *Moses*, Josiah, Joseph, and Sarah who married Thomas Washburn, about 1708.

3. MOSES LEONARD, Bridgewater, married ——— 1705, Mercy, daughter of Moses Newton, of Marlborough. They had:

Moses, b. Nov. 1, 1706.
Ezra, b. Sept. 19, 1711.
Mercy, b. Dec. 1, 1714.

The mother soon died, and the father married, 2d, Aug. 8, 1716, Hannah, widow of Thomas Witherbee and daughter of Deacon John and Lydia Woods, of Marlborough. By her he had one son, Jonas, b. Oct. 19, 1717.

Moses Leonard, with his brothers, Jacob and Isaac, set-

tled in Worcester, about 1718. Moses became a prominent man there; was selectman and ensign as early as 1725. About 1730 he removed to Brookfield.

4. Ensign EZRA LEONARD, born in Marlborough, Sept. 19, 1711. He removed with his father to Brookfield about 1730. He was at Brookfield in Sept., 1735, and at Lambstown (now Hardwick) in Oct. of the same year.

He married June 1, 1737, Olive, daughter of Benjamin Smith, one of the earliest settlers of Hardwick. This marriage is the first one recorded in Hardwick. Their children were:

Sarah, b. March 7, 1739,—probably died before 1749–50.
Benjamin, b. Aug. 5, 1741.
Nathan, b. Sept. 25, 1744.
Mary, b. Feb. 3, 1746.
David, b. July 30, 1747.
Levi, b. Oct. 10, 1749.
Sarah, *Mercy*, } Twins; b. Sept. 18, 1751.
Olive, b. Nov. 1, 1753.
Ezra, b. Nov. 2, 1755.

Ezra Leonard was an active man in the affairs of Hardwick. He received a commission as ensign from Governor Bernard in 1745. In 1794 he deeded his property to Jonathan Flynt, his son-in-law, on conditions of support of himself and wife, and removed with him to South Wilbraham in 1797. His wife died Feb. 16, 1798, aged 85. He died on the 29th of June following, aged 86 years and 10 months. Both were buried in the graveyard in South Wilbraham.

5. Mercy Leonard married Jonathan Flynt.
6. Mercy Flynt " Edward Morris.

NEWTON.

1. RICHARD NEWTON, Sudbury, 1640, came from England, and was made freeman 1645. He was one of the petitioners for the town of Marlborough. His land was in the southerly part of the town, and in the division of the township fell into what was Southborough, where his descendants have generally resided. He probably had two wives, Anne and Hannah. The family record is very imperfect. Hannah, his last wife, died Dec. 5, 1697. He died Aug. 24, 1701, "aged about 100 years." Hist. of Marlborough.—Hudson.

CHILDREN.

JOHN, b. Oct. 20, 1641, married Jan. 6, 1666, Elizabeth Larkin.
MARY, b. June 12, 1644.
Moses, b. March 26, 1646.
JOSEPH, b. ———, married Katherine.
HANNAH, b. April 13, 1654, d. March 13, 1697, unmarried
DAVID, b. Dec. 21, 1655, married Susanna Morse.
SARAH, b. ———.

2. MOSES NEWTON, b. March 26, 1646, was at Marlborough in 1668, and married Oct. 13, that year, Johanna Larkin, daughter of Edward Larkin, of Charlestown; his brother John having married her sister Elizabeth. She died Dec. 25, 1713. He married, 2d, April 14, 1714, Sarah Joslin. She d. Nov. 4, 1723. He d. May 23, 1736.

When the Indians attacked Marlborough, March 26, 1676, it was on the Sabbath, and Moses Newton's thirtieth birthday. The people were in the meeting-house. The alarm being given, the congregation instantly dispersed and sought shelter in their garrison; but Moses Newton gallantly remained to rescue an aged and infirm woman who would otherwise have been exposed to certain death.

In this act of heroism he received a ball in his elbow which deprived him, in a measure, of the use of his arm ever afterwards. He, however, had the satisfaction of rescuing his friend from danger.

CHILDREN.

Moses, b. Feb. 28, 1669, married Dec. 11, 1695, Sarah Howe.
David, b. ———, 1672, married 1697, Hannah Lenardson.
Hannah, b. Dec. 20, 1673, married April 10, 1705, William Oveatt.
Edward, b. March 23, 1676, married 1700, Mary Lenardson.
Jonathan, b. Sept. 30, 1679, married 1708, Bithia Rice.
Jacob, b. Jan. 24, 1681.
James, b. Jan. 15, 1683.
Mercy, b. Feb. 16, 1685, married 1705, Moses Lenard.
Josiah, b. Nov. 19, 1688.
Andrew, b. —— ——, d. 1691.
Ebenezer, b. July 26, 1692, married Oct. 25, 1722, Joanna Larkin.

3. MERCY NEWTON married Moses Leonard.
4. Ezra Leonard " Olive Smith.
5. Mercy Leonard " Jonathan Flynt.
6. Mercy Flynt " Edward Morris.

LARKIN.

1. EDWARD LARKIN, wheelwright, Charlestown, 1638, admitted to the church Sept. 23, 1639. His wife, Joanna, was admitted Oct. 11, 1639. Had:

John, b. and baptized Jan. 10, 1640–1.
Elizabeth, b. Sept. 5, 1641, married John Newton, 1666.
Hannah, b. March 16, 1643, married John Newell, 1665.
Thomas, b. Oct. 18, 1644.

Joanna, b. ———, 1645–6, married Moses Newton Oct. 13, 1668.
SARAH, b. March 12, 1647, married John Wheeler, 1663.

2. JOANNA LARKIN married Moses Newton.
3. MERCY NEWTON " Moses Leonard.
4. EZRA LEONARD " Olive Smith.
5. MERCY LEONARD " Jonathan Flynt.
6. MERCY FLYNT " Edward Morris.

JANES.

1. WILLIAM JANES, born in the county of Essex, Eng., about 1610, married in England, Mary ———, came to America 1637, settled at New Haven. He probably came with the first settlers. In 1656 he removed to Northampton, and died there Sept. 20, 1690. His wife died April 14, 1662.

2. ABEL JANES, son of William, was born about 1644, married, Nov. 14, 1679, Mary, daughter of William Judd, of Farmington. He resided, during the most of his life, in Northampton. About 1706 he removed to Lebanon, Conn. He died Dec. 18, 1718, in his 73d year. His wife died April 24, 1735, in her 80th year.

3. WILLIAM JANES, born in Northampton, 1692. Married, June 5, 1712, Abigail Loomis, of Windsor. He removed from Lebanon to Brimfield, Mass., about 1735–6, and settled in the eastern part of the town, on the Sturbridge line, where he had purchased 500 acres of land. They had :

MARY, b. ———, who died in Lebanon, 1736.
JONATHAN, b March 12, 1713.
ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 8, 1714.
TIMOTHY, b. June 10, 1716.

4. *Mary*, b. Oct. ——, 1720.

ABEL, b. April 24, 1724.
WILLIAM, b. Oct. 30, 1726.
ELIJAH, b. May 6, 1729.
SARAH, b. Oct. 18, 1731.
ISRAEL, b. Jan. 26, 1734.

4. MARY JANES married Rufus Flynt, of Windham, March 13, 1739–40. She died in 1752.

5. JONATHAN FLYNT married Mercy Leonard.
6. MERCY FLYNT " Edward Morris.

JUDD.

1. Deacon THOMAS JUDD came from England in 1633 or 1634, probably from the county of Essex. He settled in Cambridge, in that part of the town called "West End," on the northeast side of the highway to Watertown. He had a home lot of four acres granted him, on which he built his house. August 20, 1635, he had his proportion of meadow land granted him. He was listed as a householder in Cambridge in February, 1636. He was made freeman May 25, 1636. He removed to Hartford, this year, and very probably was in Hooker's company, which left Cambridge on the last day of May. His home lot in Hartford was south of Mr. Willys, on what is now Charter Oak Hill, and extended west to Main street. He was a member of the church under the care of Mr. Hooker and Mr. Stone, both in Cambridge and Hartford. He was one of the earliest proprietors and settlers of Farmington. He had large tracts of land there, and removed there about 1644, and settled near the north end of Main street; his home lot being on both sides of the street, and running down to Farmington river. When the church was gathered at Farmington, Oct. 13, 1652, he became a member of it, and was chosen the second deacon. His wife united with it in November. He had remained a member of the

church in Hartford until this time, and probably his three youngest children were carried to Hartford to be baptized. He and five of his sons were among the eighty-four proprietors of Farmington, and received their share of the division of the lands in the town, according to an agreement made Jan. 8, 1673. In March, 1662, the General Court granted him 200 acres of land, probably for some public services. These lands were located, and called Judd's Farm, but some years after, the land was found to be within the bounds of Wallingford and was given up, and other land was taken.

Thomas Judd and Stephen Hart were the first deputies sent from Farmington to the General Court, May, 1647. Mr. Judd was subsequently a deputy, for twenty sessions, till Oct., 1679.

The maiden and family name of his first wife is not known. He probably was married in England. His wife died in Farmington, perhaps about 1678. This year Thomas Mason, of Northampton, died, leaving his widow Clemence with a good estate, without children. On the 2d of Dec., 1679, Thomas Judd married Widow Mason, and lived nearly all the rest of his life in Northampton. Mrs. Mason's homestead was on the east side of Pleasant street, and extended from two or three rods below the great elm down to Hawley street. She had also forty acres of meadow land. Thomas Judd was selectman in 1682. He died Nov. 12, 1688, about 80 years old. His second wife died Nov. 22, 1696, and gave her estate to Samuel Judd, the youngest son of her husband, who had come to Northampton to live with and take care of his father. Thomas Judd settled his estate by deeds, and not by will.

Thomas Judd and his descendants. S. Judd.

CHILDREN.

ELIZABETH, } Both born from 1633 to 1636. It is not
William, } known which was the eldest.
THOMAS, b. about 1638.

JOHN, b. about 1640.
BENJAMIN, b. " 1642.
MARY, b. " 1644.
RUTH, b. " 1647, baptized Feb. 7, 1647.
PHILLIP, b. " 1649, " Sept. 2, 1649.
SAMUEL, b. " 1651.

2. Sergeant WILLIAM JUDD married Mary Steele, daughter of John Steele, of Farmington, March 30, 1658. Another account says, March 31, 1657: He died in the latter part of 1690. His widow died Oct. 27, 1718, aged about 80.

William Judd left an estate of about £693, as by inventory presented to the court, Nov. 5, 1699: lands and buildings, £495; personal estate, £198. The amount was ample for the times. The record of the church says: "Not many of the brethren with us have so large accumulations." He had children:

Mary, b. 1658.
THOMAS, b. 1663.
JOHN, b. 1667.
RACHEL, b. 1670.
SAMUEL, b. 1673.
DANIEL, b. 1675.
ELIZABETH, b. 1678.

3. MARY JUDD married Abel Janes.
4. WILLIAM JANES " Abigail Loomis.
5. MARY JANES " Rufus Flynt.
6. JONATHAN FLYNT " Mercy Leonard.
7. MERCY FLYNT " Edward Morris.

STEELE.

1. JOHN STEELE, born in the county of Essex, England, came to this country in 1630, and settled first at Dorchester. He became a proprietor in Newtown (Cambridge), 1632, freeman 1634, representative 1635, and in the autumn of that year led the first company of emigrants from Newtown to Hartford, and so was the first English settler of Hartford. He was appointed, with Ludlow and others, to administer the government for the new settlements of Windsor, Hartford, and Wethersfield. He, with Ludlow and four others, constituted the first court held in Connecticut,—April 26, 1636. This was two months before Hooker came with his company. He was afterwards a member of the General Court or Assembly, and is said to have attended eighty-eight sessions, and was for four years secretary. He was the first town clerk of Hartford, and held the office until his removal to Farmington in 1645, where he was also town clerk. He settled in Hartford, on Main street, just north of the present Atheneum. He died at Farmington Nov. 25, 1665, well advanced in years.

He married 1st, Rachel ———. She died 1653. He married, 2d, Mary, widow of Richard Seymour.

CHILDREN.

JOHN, b. ———, married Mary Warner, daughter of Andrew Warner. After his death, his widow married Thomas Hill.

LYDIA, b. ———, married March 31, 1657, James, son of Thomas and Mary Bird, of Hartford.

Mary, b. March 31, 1638, married March 31, 1657, William Judd, son of Thomas Judd. So there was a double wedding in the family that day. She died Oct. 2, 1718, aged 80.

HANNAH, b. ———, never married.

SARAH, b. ——, 1638, married, 1658, Lieut. Thomas Judd and removed to Waterbury. She died May 22, 1695. He died Jan. 10, 1702, aged 65.

SAMUEL, b. 1626-7, married Mary, daughter of James Boosy, of Wethersfield. He d. Aug. 15, 1685. He was deputy, 1668-9, 1672-1677, and lieutenant of Farmington train-band, 1674. The General Court, May 9, 1692, granted him 200 acres of land for a farm.

2. MARY STEELE married William Judd.
3. MARY JUDD " Abel Janes.
4. WILLIAM JANES " Abigail Loomis.
5. MARY JANES " Rufus Flynt.
6. JONATHAN FLYNT " Mercy Leonard.
7. MERCY FLYNT " Edward Morris.

LOOMIS (Lomys).

1. JOSEPH LOOMIS, from Bristol, Eng., Windsor, Conn., probably came with Rev. Mr. Huit in 1638, and brought children, Joseph, John, Thomas, Samuel, *Nathaniel*, Mary and Elizabeth, and four others. He died, 1658. His wife died August, 1652.

2. NATHANIEL LOOMIS, born in England, married Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon John Moore, and had Eliza, Nathaniel, Abigail, *Josiah*, b. Feb. 17, 1661, Jonathan, David, Hezekiah, Moses, Mindwell, Ebenezer, Mary, and Rebecca. He died August, 1688.

3. JOSIAH LOOMIS married Oct. 23, 1683, Mary Rockwell, probably daughter of Deacon Samuel Rockwell, of Windsor, and had Mary, Josiah, *Abigail*, b. Aug. 10, 1691, Caleb, Ephraim, and Nathan.

4. ABIGAIL LOOMIS married June 5, 1712, William Janes, of Lebanon.
5. MARY JANES " Rufus Flynt.
6. JONATHAN FLYNT " Mercy Leonard.
7. MERCY FLYNT " Edward Morris.

MOORE.

1. JOHN MOORE, Dorchester, 1630, probably came in the Mary and John, for he was freeman May 18, 1631, and deacon. Went with Rev. Mr. Warham to Windsor, 1635. He was an excellent and estimable man. He was a chiefman, and representative in 1675. He died Sept. 18, 1677. He had Abigail, b. 1639, Mindwell, John, Hannah, *Elizabeth.*

2. ELIZABETH MOORE married Nathaniel Loomis, Nov. 24, 1654.

3. Josiah Loomis " Mary Rockwell.
4. Abigail Loomis " William Janes.
5. Mary Janes " Rufus Flynt.
6. Jonathan Flynt " Mercy Leonard.
7. Mercy Flynt " Edward Morris.

ROCKWELL.

The Rockwell family in England trace their origin to Sir Ralph De Rocville, a Norman knight, who accompanied Maude into England when she laid claim to the throne of that realm. He afterwards joined Henry II., and had grant of three knights' land in Yorkshire, upon which estate the Rockwells have continued to the present time. Rockwell Hall, near Borough Bridge, is the seat of the family.

1. WILLIAM ROCKWELL, one of the original Dorchester company, came over in the Mary and John in 1630, was freeman at Dorchester May 18, 1631. He was first deacon, with Mr. Gaylord, in the Dorchester church. He removed to Windsor in the second year—1636. He married Susanna Chapin,—probably second wife. He died May 15, 1640, leaving widow Susanna and children, John, *Samuel*, Joanna, Ruth, Mary, Joseph, and Sarah.

2. SAMUEL ROCKWELL, born, perhaps, in Dorchester, was freeman in Connecticut colony, 1657.

He married, April 7, 1660, Mary Norton, of Saybrook, and had the following children:

Mary, b. Jan. 18, 1662; Abigail, d., Samuel, Joseph John, Abigail 2d, Josiah.

3. MARY ROCKWELL married Josiah Loomis, Oct. 23, 1683.
4. ABIGAIL LOOMIS " William Janes.
5. MARY JANES " Rufus Flynt.
6. JONATHAN FLYNT " Mercy Leonard.
7. MERCY FLYNT " Edward Morris.

NORTON.

1. THOMAS NORTON, Guilford, signer of the first compact, June 1, 1639. He died, 1648, before reaching middle age, leaving widow *Grace*, and children, Thomas, John, Ann, Grace, *Mary*, and Abigail.

2. MARY NORTON married Samuel Rockwell.
3. MARY ROCKWELL " Josiah Loomis.
4. ABIGAIL LOOMIS " William Janes.
5. MARY JANES " Rufus Flynt.
6. JONATHAN FLYNT " Mercy Leonard.
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SMITH.

1. BENJAMIN SMITH, one of the early settlers of Hardwick, Mass., was moderator of the first meeting held for the election of officers there, under the authority of the General Court. He was born in Roxbury, and was proba-

bly a grandson or great-grandson of Francis Smith, of Roxbury, 1631, who came over in the fleet with Winthrop. He was probably married four times. The name of his first wife is not known, but he had at least two daughters by her, *Olive* who married Ezra Leonard, and Elizabeth, who married James Robinson. He married, 2d, Experience Curtis, March 21, 1716–17, and had Benjamin, b. March 6, 1718, Samuel, b. April 9, 1721. He married, 3d, Hannah Phillips, April 23, 1724, and had Caleb, b. Feb. 21, 1724–5, Hannah, b. June 24, 1727, Mary, b. March 26, 1729. He again married Lydia Graley. The date of his death is not known, but the tradition is that he died n the west part of Hardwick, at the extreme old age of about 100 years. His will, dated May 16, 1769,— which appears not to have been probated — gives to his daughter, Olive Leonard, all the money due to him after the payment of his debts and funeral expenses, and all the goods, chattels, and personal estate; and unto "my son, Ezra Leonard, whom I make sole executor of this my last will and testament, I give, demise, and bequeath to him and his heirs, all and everything; and furthermore, let this witness that I have given to all the rest of my children all that I determine, for I have given them their equal proportion." He was at this time, probably, living with the Leonards, and was, perhaps, full 80 years old.

Numerous deeds of land in Hardwick, Rutland, Leicester, and other places, bought and sold by him from 1733 to 1767, are on the records of Worcester county.

2. OLIVE SMITH, born in 1713, married Ezra Leonard June 1, 1737. This marriage is the first one recorded in Hardwick.

3. Mercy Leonard married Jonathan Flynt.
4. Mercy Flynt " Edward Morris

EPITAPHS.

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At West Woodstock.

Here Lies The Body of
Mr. EDWARD MORRIS.
He departed this Life Aug. 12th, 1769,
In ye 80th year of his Age.

In Hampden.

In Memory of
Mr. ISAAC MORRIS
Who Died
Jan'y 10, 1778,
In His 53rd
Year.

A Law Eternal
does Decree
That all Things Born
Should mortal be.

In Hampden.

Mrs.
SARAH BLISS,
Widow of
Mr. Isaac Morris
& afterwards of the
Hon. John Bliss,
Died April 27,
1818, Æ 89.

In Memory of
Mr. ISAAC MORRIS,
who died
June 2, 1805,
in the 57 year
of his age.

In Memory of
Mr. EDWARD MORRIS,
who died
April 29th, 1801,
in the 45th year
of his age.

Let Virtue guard the narrow bed
Where Virtue's Image rests his head;
Religion shed a sweet perfume,
And angels watch around his tomb.

In Hampden.

Mrs.
LUCY MORRIS,
relict of
Edward Morris,
died 1836,
April 15,
Æ 74.

In Memory of Elizabeth,
Daut'r of Mr. Isaac & Mrs.
Sarah Morris, who
Died March 21, 1764, in
her 5 year. Also Mr. Joseph,
Son of ye above named
Morris, who died at
Lake George in the
Service of his country,
Aug. 10, 1776, in his 22 year.

Ye living mortals hear our voice,
And make the Lord your only choice.

In Hampden.

Sacred to the memory of
Mrs. SALLY MORRIS,
wife of Mr. Edward Morris,
who departed this life June 24, 1807,
In the 23 year of her life.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound,
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Savior's image rise.

Mr. EDWARD MORRIS,
died Aug. 17, 1824,
Æ 40.

Mrs.
MERCY,
wife of
EDWARD MORRIS,
died
Aug. 16, 1831,
Æ 43.

In Lebanon.

Here lieth the Body of Mr. Abel Janes,
ye Husband of Mrs Mary Janes, who
Died December ye 18, 1718, in ye
73 year of his age

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Let Heaven's Blessings rest upon
Ye Darling of my youthful days,
& also on my children yong,
To keep them all in wisdom's waies.

Here lyes ye Body of yt. worthy,
Vertuous & Pious Mother in Israel,
Wife to Mr. Abel Janes, Mrs. Mary
Janes by name, when she had
Lived long a holy and Patient Life
Dy'd April 24, 1735, in ye
80 year of Her age.

Farewell my Loving Children,
My neighbors & my Friends,
Sarve God in Truth while in your youth
& Til your Life doth End.

In Hampden.

In Memory of
Mrs. Olive, Wife of
Ens. Ezra Leonard,
late of Hardwick,
who died
Feb'ry 16th, 1798,
aged 83 years.

Farewell, vain world,
Thy joys deceive.
True pleasures lie
Beyond the grave.

In Memory of
ENS. EZRA LEONARD,
Late of Hardwick,
who died
June 29, 1798,
in the 87th year
of his age.

Ye living men see here your end;
To Jesus' voice pray now attend.
Your days, your years! how swift they fly?
Be warned! beware! prepare to die.

NOTE.

The several families in this work being mentioned separately, and the connection with each other shown, the compiler has thought an index unnecessary.

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